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President Approves Request for Federal Disaster Declaration

CLANTON—Governor Riley announced that he has received approval from the President for a federal disaster declaration in response to storms, flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds that occurred March 25 to April 3, 2009.

The disaster declaration makes local governments in 20 Alabama counties eligible to apply for Public Assistance. The grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency may assist the impacted counties with debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations.

“I thank the President for his approval of our much-needed request. Local communities in these counties need help to recover,” said Governor Riley.

“We know the financial impact to the counties has been great due to the severe weather, and so today we are pleased to know that Federal assistance is on the way for these 20 counties,” said Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Brock Long.

The counties eligible for Public Assistance are Baldwin, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lamar, Marengo, Perry, Russell, Washington, and Wilcox.

This disaster declaration makes all counties in the State of Alabama eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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